

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Human Services Commission

6:30 PM
 April 17, 2024

MINUTES

Steelhead Room, 235 1st Ave.
 SE, Issaquah

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commissioners:

Manny Brown
 Jaime Fajardo
 Madeline Fish
 Trish Bloor
 Maury Edwards
 Huma Mohibullah
 Keena Esemuede, *excused absence*
 Rucker Alex
 Preston Miele, YAB

Administration/Staff:

Hannah Roberts, Human Services
 Coordinator
 Monica Negrila, Human Services Manager
 Kayla Hodges, Human Services Intern

CALL TO ORDER

- a) BLOOR called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a) There were four public members in attendance and three made a comment.
- a. Ron Zanco from St. Vincent de Paul Mary Queen of Peace referenced to the 2025-2026 Human Services Grants application recently submitted and explained the increased need of rental assistance for Issaquah residents and requested to be considered for grant funding.
 - b. Jayme Longoria, a previous Human Services Commissioner and founder of the newly created non-profit Domestic Violence Survivors shared her organization in Issaquah, the current impact and her personal experience. She has applied to the 2025-2026 Human Services Grants.
 - c. Irene Muller, from Essentials First, attended virtually expressed the increased need for essentials such as toiletries, household items, etc. She shared the specific numbers of Issaquah residents served last year and commented her organization has applied to the 2025-2026 Human Services Grants.
 - d. Lucrecia Choto, a previous Human Services Commissioner and current Equity Board member and the newest Human Services Commissioner who will start her term on May 1, 2024 was in attendance but made no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of February 21, 2024 and Minutes of March 25, 2024.

BLOOR introduced the minutes of Minutes of February 21, 2024 and of March 25, 2024. FISH motioned to approve the minutes both draft minutes. EDWARD seconded the motion. There being no proposed edits, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

AGENDA ITEMS

- a) **Joint Eastside Human Services Commission Equity Training Debrief (D)**

Presented by:

Jaime Fajardo, Human Services Commission Vice-Chair

Vice Chair FAJARDO provided an overview of the joint Eastside Human Services Equity Training by Community Rises and the commission discussed what their main take-aways from the trainings were in preparation for reviewing the 2025-2026 Human Services Grant applications. Commissioner ALEX

provided feedback about her experience as a virtual attendee and the challenges with hearing and participating.

Human Services Grants: Application Background & Process (I)

Presented by:

Monica Negrila, Human Services Manager

NEGRILA provided background information on Human Services Grants, the role of commissioners, background information and the review approach and the grant cycle timeline to help prepare commissions for reviewing the applications.

b) 2025-2026 Human Services Grants: Application Summary, Review Process, & Group Assignments (I)

Presented by:

Hannah Roberts, Human Services Coordinator

ROBERTS provided a summary of the 2025-2026 Human Services Applications received which include 99 applications from 63 organizations requesting over 2.1 million dollars in funding. ROBERTS went over the review tools including the Human Services Strategic Plan Summary page, review tool card and how to access the applications. Commissioners provided their preference of sub-review groups within the Human Services Strategic Plan priority areas which will help determine review group assignments. Commissioners were assigned to access the applications, review 1-2 application using the review tools and come back to the next Human Services Commission meeting on May 15 with any questions.

REPORTS

a) Chair and Commissioner Reports

Commissioners reported on the recent Sustainability Fair with the City of Issaquah and the upcoming Earth day reminder.

b) Youth Report

Youth Advisory Board Member MIELE shared an update of upcoming events for middle school and high school students through YAB.

c) Staff Report

ROBERTS shared of two upcoming events which include AAPI event on Saturday May 18 and Pride event on Saturday June 15.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for May 15, 2024. Human Services Commission regular meeting on June 19, 2024 will be cancelled in observance of the federal holiday Juneteenth.